

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Claims 1-3, 5, 6, 8, and 11-28 are pending in this application. Claims 7, 9 and 10 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claim Rejection - 35 U.S.C. 102 and 103

Claims 1-3, 5 and 6 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Andrews.

Claims 7-9 and 13 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Andrews in view of Draghetti.

Claims 10-12 and 14-28 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

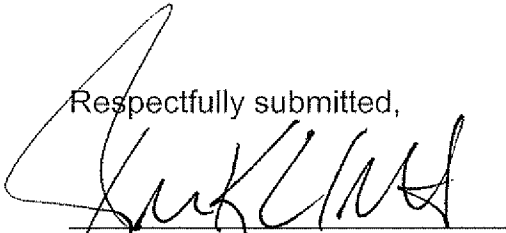
This objection to claim 28 is in error. Claim 28, introduced in the previous reply, is already in independent form and already includes all the limitations of original claim 1 (as those limitations were amended in the previous amendment), intervening claims 7 and 9, and allowable claim 10, with the last three paragraphs of claim 28 corresponding directly to claims 7, 9 and 10, respectively. Therefore claim 28 should be indicated as **allowed**. Claims 7, 9 and 10, now redundant to allowed claim 28, have been cancelled without prejudice.

Claim 1 has been amended to depend from allowed claim 28 and the limitations of claim 1 that are now redundant to claim 28 have been cancelled. Dependencies of other claims have been amended as well such that all of the claims now depend from allowed claim 28.

Therefore, all of the claims are now in allowable condition and the present application should be allowed without requiring the filing of an RCE.

In view of the above, it is believed that the application is in condition for allowance and such a Notice is respectfully requested. If anything else is needed to place the application in condition for allowance, it is kindly requested that the undersigned be contacted.


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